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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 174X), Illinois Central Railroad Company—
Abandonment Exemption — in Randolph County, Illinois

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served in the above-captioned proceeding on March 28, 2003, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") has an exemption for the abandonment of its .45-mile segment of railroad extending from milepost 602.55 to milepost 603 near Baldwin in Randolph County, Illinois. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on March 30, 2003.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the segment of railroad between milepost 602.62 and milepost 603 on June 11, 2003.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Wayne Gartner, CN